

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (previously presented) A process for producing encapsulated flavoring, comprising the steps of emulsifying the flavoring into a carbohydrate melt, wherein said carbohydrate melt is prepared from a carbohydrate mixture melted by heating to 80 to 120 °C, to form a resultant melt and producing particles from the resultant melt, wherein the particles are treated with an inert gas at a gas velocity of 0.2 to 4 m/s.

2. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein said inert gas is air.

3. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein said particles are treated with an inert gas in the temperature range from 10 to 35 °C.

4. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 1, wherein said particles are treated in a gas steam at a gas velocity of 0.5 to 2 m/s.

Claims 5-13 cancelled

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